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That Japanese Defeat Was Not So Bad After All

The Plucky Japs Tried to Bottle Up the Russians, But Failed in a Skillful Attempt.

[By Private Wire Black, Staggs & Co.]

New York, February 26.—New York Herald headlines:

With no opposition the Japanese army moves northward in two divisions. The Russian garrison at Hun Chun skedaddles when they approach, and the Japanese occupy the town. They are now marching upon Kirin.

New York, February 26.—The Japs seized a boat of Omaha beef. Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific, and wife, were passengers on the boat.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Japanese minister here has received from the Japanese foreign office a telegram, confirming the report that an effort was made to close the mouth of the channel at Port Arthur, thus bottling up the Russians, and that the effort was quite skillful, but not successful.

New York, Feb. 26.—It is thought that England will be drawn into the war at an early date.

Tried to Repeat Hobson's Coup.

London, Feb. 24.—The correspondent of the Chronicle at Harbin says that information has been received here that the Japanese early this morning made another attack on Port Arthur. They tried to repeat the splendid coup of Hobson, who, at the risk of his life, sunk the bulk of the Merrimac at the mouth of the harbor of Santiago. The Japanese sent three merchant steamers into the channel

of Port Arthur, with the object of blocking the Russian squadron. The battleship Retvizan, which was damaged at the first attack on Port Arthur, and has since remained on the rocks, fired on the aggressors and sunk them all at a distance from the channel.

Four Transports Were Sunk.

Chee Foo, Feb. 24.—(7 p. m.)—The Japanese again attacked Port Arthur last night. The heavy firing was heard at this distance. During the engagement the Japanese attempted to land at Secoty Bay, but were repulsed. Four transports were sunk by the forts while trying to enter the channel. The engagement lasted nearly an hour, after which the Japanese retired. Their losses were four ships sunk.

A Chinese steamer, the first merchantman cleared from here for Dalny, was forced to return yesterday, being unable to obtain permission to enter the port at Dalny. The steamer signalled for five hours and finally received a reply ordering her to depart immediately. Her captain reports that he sighted part of the Japanese fleet twenty-eight miles off Dalny.

Another Version.

London, Feb. 24.—The correspondent of the Standard at St. Petersburg says:

"I am in a position to state that the emperor has received a telegram from Alexieff, stating that the Japanese last night sent four torpedo boats and some old steamers to Port

Arthur, with the intention of sinking the latter in the fairway of the harbor, thus blocking the entrance. The Retvizan, the repairs to which have been nearly completed, opened fire on the flotilla; the forts followed suit, with the result that one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk, one ran aground and the two others were damaged. This morning two injured vessels were visible out at sea. They were steaming away, evidently in difficulty. Several torpedoes were found intact in the harbor and picked up by the Russians."

Czar Congratulates Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The czar has telegraphed warm congratulations to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Russian squadron at Port Arthur on the able manner in which they repulsed the latest attack of the Japanese.

False Rumors Afloat.

New York, February 25.—Many false reports are being circulated here, says a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg, one being to the effect that Rear Admiral Evans, U. S. N., has 2000 marines ready to dispatch at a moment's notice. This once again stimulates anti-American feeling among certain classes.

One paper published a report that 5000 Chinese soldiers have gone over to the Japanese army.

As a consequence of such rumors the belief seems to grow that the outlook is tending in the Far East toward international complications.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Japanese made another attack on Port Arthur early this morning. Major General Pflug reports that the Russians repulsed the Japanese at every point. No details were given, but the government expects to receive them soon. The attack started about 1

o'clock this morning and lasted two hours. The Japanese persistence in assaulting the Russian fleet at the fortress causes universal surprise here. Two of the six Japanese steamers lost in yesterday's engagement are still afire. The other four were sunk at various points near the harbor. One lies very close to the stranded battleship Renzivan.

Washington Report.

Washington, D. C., February 25.—Reports from Russian headquarters here today are to the effect that Japan made another attack on Port Arthur, but were repulsed. It is not stated whether or not either side sustained any loss.

The report of yesterday's losses of four cruisers is not credited at the Japanese headquarters here.

About the Protectorate.

Paris, February 24.—Information received here, probably through Russian channels, but credited in the highest official quarters, led to the belief that Japan is now seeking to secure the execution of a treaty by the emperor of Korea giving Japan a protectorate over Korea. It is the understanding that the prospect of this treaty was the main reason for Russia's protest to the powers against Japan's violation of Korean neutrality, as Russia desires to serve all alike against a Japanese protectorate over Korea on the ground that it will be of no effect, being executed while Korea was under duress. The emperor of Korea is said to be so completely under the domination of Japan that he is likely to approve of such a treaty through inability to resist. The situation from a Russian standpoint is likened to a man signing a check under duress or fear. It is the explanation that if this main purpose against which Russia protests is accomplished, there will not be any need of separate action by the powers to enforce the maintenance of the principle of nations having violated the law of nations.

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